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INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, IZ

SUBJECT: IRAQ EMBRACING NON-ALIGNMENT

1. IN A STATEMENT JAN 27 TO NEWLY CREATED NON-ALIGNED NEWS AGENCY PRESIDENT AL-BAKR GAVE HIS PUBLIC BLESSING TO NON-ALIGNMENT AS A BASIC TENENT OF IRAQI FOREIGN POLICY. AL-BAKR SAID INTER ALIA THAT IRAQ SHOULD PLAY A MORE ACTIVE, EVEN VANGUARD ROLE, AMONG THE THREE CONTINENTS AND IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. STATEMENT ALSO REITERATED IRAQ'S POSITION ON NECESSITY OF SOLIDARITY AMONG NON-ALIGNED STATES TO SOLVE CURRENT ECONOMIC ISSUES.

2. WHILE OFTEN PAYING LIP SERVICE TO NON-ALIGNMENT IN PAST, IT IS ONLY DURING PAST YEAR THAT GOI, WITH RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN IN FOREFRONT, HAS MOVED TO PUT IRAQ FIRMLY IN NON-ALIGNED CAMP. THIS EFFORT WAS MARKED BY SADDAM'S

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HALF OF 1974.

3. ACCORDING TO YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR PURIC THE AL-BAKR INTERVIEW CAME ABOUT QUITE UNEXPECTEDLY. THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY SENT A NOTE TO MFA ANNOUNCING INAUGURATION OF NON-ALIGNED NEWS AGENCY (AGREED TO AT LAST NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN ALGIERS) AND POINTED OUT THAT NUMBER OF NON-ALIGNED LEADERS WERE GIVING INTERVIEWS ON THIS OCCASION. GOI HAD IMMEDIATELY REPONDED THAT PRESIDENT AL-BAKR WOULD LIKE TO MAKE STATEMENT. PURIC COMMENTS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT IRAQ HAS AMBITIONS OF BECOMING ONE OF LEADERS OF NON-ALIGNED STATES. HE SAID GOI HAS SUBMITTED PROPOSAL FOR BAGHDAD TO BE SITE OF NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT MEETING IN 1980 AND IS ALREADY AGITATING TO BE SITE OF EARLIER MEETING.

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